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1. EC COMMISSION OFFICIAL TOLD MISSION OFFICER MARCH 9
THAT CEMA HAS PROPOSED NEW ROUND OF INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS
WITH EC IN MAY, IN PREPARATION FOR OPENING OF FORMAL
NEGOTIATIONS TOWARD AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO BODIES.

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2. CEMA SECRETARIAT HAS ADDRESSED COMMUNICATION DIRECTLY
TO COMMISSION PRESIDENT JENKINS, ANNOUNCING THAT CEMA
SECRETARY GENERAL FADEYEV HAS FULL POWERS TO REPRESENT
CEMA IN TALKS WITH THE EC, AND SUGGESTING THAT COMMISSION
VICE PRESIDENT HAFERKAMP BE ACCORDED SIMILAR MANDATE TO
REPRESENT THE COMMUNITY. OUR SOURCE SAID EC OFFICIALS
VIEW AS A SIGNIFICANT CONCESSION THIS CEMA RECOGNITION

OF THE COMMISSION'S ROLE. (COMMENT: HAFERKAMP, OF COURSE, HAD SUCH A MANDATE DURING INITIAL TALKS BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES LAST SEPTEMBER - REF B.) THE CEMA SECRETARIAT SUGGESTED THAT INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS, ALONG THE PATTERN OF THE MEETINGS LAST SEPTEMBER, BE HELD IN MOSCOW THIS MAY.

3. OUR SOURCE SAID THAT A PARALLEL MESSAGE FROM THE ROMANIAN CEMA PRESIDENCY TO THE DANISH EC COUNCIL PRESIDENCY ALSO SUGGESTED A MAY RESUMPTION OF INFORMAL TALKS IN MOSCOW. SOURCE ADDED THAT COMMUNITY WOULD HAVE TO BEGIN IN-HOUSE CONSIDERATION OF THIS PROPOSAL IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND COMMENTED THAT IT WOULD PROBABLY ACCEPT THE SUGGESTION OF A MEETING IN MOSCOW. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE COMMUNITY MIGHT ALSO EVENTUALLY AGREE TO HOLDING FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS IN A NEUTRAL CITY, SUCH AS GENEVA.
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